

# UNO COMMITTEE PICKS SITE IN WESTCHESTER-FAIRFIELD, NEW YORK AS INTERIM HOME

## REPORTS TO LONDON

### Group Selects Enclave in Connecticut and New York

#### OTHER AREAS STILL IN LIST

#### 5-Year Use of Sperry Plant, Center Theatre and the Reid House Here Visualized

By MORRIS L. KAPLAN

A rural area of about forty-two square miles extending from Westchester County into Fairfield County, Connecticut, was officially recommended yesterday as first choice for the permanent headquarters of the United Nations Organization.

The seven-man UNO inspection committee, which had traveled more than 1,800 miles since Jan. 9 to study sixteen areas in five States, also announced New York as its primary choice for an interim headquarters. This city therefore becomes the probable home for at least five years of representatives of fifty-one nations, many of whose sons and daughters long ago emigrated to this country in search of peace and freedom.

Both proposals will be submitted to the Committee on Permanent Headquarters in London at 10:30 A. M. Tuesday, according to Huntington Gilchrist, secretary to the inspection group. The committee, composed of delegates from the fifty-one nations, will then present its recommendations to the General Assembly for decision.

#### Chairman Calls on Mayor

Dr. Stoyan Gavrilovitch of Yugoslavia, chairman of the inspection group, made public the recommendations of his committee in his suite at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel on his return from a courtesy call on Mayor O'Dwyer at City Hall.

In recommending what he referred to as the North Stamford-Greenwich site, he said his group had decided to report also for consideration by the General Assembly the Hyde Park area and the Blue Hills and North Shore districts of Massachusetts. For interim headquarters New York was preferred to Boston and Atlantic City, N. J., subject, however, to "the early and satisfactory solution of the question of the necessary housing accommodations."

There seemed to be little doubt that a solution would be found. Mayor O'Dwyer assured Dr. Gavrilovitch the city would provide anything the UNO wanted.

"I speak for New York City, which is so sympathetic and so anxious to promote the idea of UNO," the Mayor told the chairman. "It is a privilege to be able to make your path easier. In the days to come you will find that nothing will be left undone by New York City and its people to make you comfortable."

#### Whalen's Cooperation Praised

Dr. Gavrilovitch expressed gratitude for the Mayor's cooperation and cited the work on UNO's behalf by Grover A. Whalen, chairman of the Mayor's committee. Nelson A. Rockefeller, who offered the use of the Center Theatre, Avenue of the Americas and Fortyninth Street, by the General Assembly; John W. Davis, former Democratic candidate for President, and Frederick H. Ecker, chairman of the board of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, all of whom served on the committee, were present.

The central point of New York's interim facilities is the Center Theatre, which seats 3,500 and has about ten rooms for offices. The theatre would be used for about six weeks each year by the General Assembly.

The Whitelaw Reid home at 451 Madison Avenue, erected in 1883 by Henry Villard and now owned by Ogden Reid, president of The New York Herald Tribune, Inc., and his sister, Lady Ward, has been offered for committee meetings and use by a part of the Secretariat while the Assembly is in session. It contains upward of thirty-five large rooms and cost \$595,000 to build.

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# UNO GROUP MAKES PROPOSAL ON SITE

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2,000 persons, two buildings of the Sperry Gyroscope Company plant in Lake Success, just beyond the city line in Nassau County, have been considered. Dr. Gavrilovitch has explained that the UNO would require only the Sperry administration and service buildings, walled off from the rest of the vast plant. They must be acquired from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

The administration building is three stories high and has 92,211 square feet of floor space. The two-story service building has 68,439 square feet. Both are air-cooled and air-conditioned. It is believed that manufacturing would be permitted to continue in the other five buildings.

Meeting with Mayor O'Dwyer and his group yesterday in addition to Dr. Gavrilovitch were the following delegates: Dr. Shuhsi Hsu of China, vice chairman; François Brière, France; Awny el Khalidi, Iraq; Maj. Kenneth A. Younger, Britain; Julio A. Lacarte, Uruguay, and George Saksin, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

The decisions of Dr. Gavrilovitch and his colleagues are incorporated in a voluminous official report which will be submitted to the General Assembly on their return to London. Dr. Gavrilovitch declined to comment about the committee's failure to make Hyde Park the first choice except to remark: "Give my kindest regards to the Mayor of Morristown."

It was his reply to a recent statement by Mayor Clyde W. Potts of Morristown, N. J., who had accused the committee of wasting time and had declared that the selection of Hyde Park was a foregone conclusion.

Recommendation of the North Stamford-Greenwich and New York sites did not come entirely as a surprise, though until late Thursday it was considered that Hyde Park had the best chance. Later reports from Greenwich and White Plains, however, indicated that principal interest had shifted to those areas. These were corroborated Friday when Westchester County officials protested against the extensions on a map drawn by Ernest P. Goodrich of 175 Fifth Avenue, engineer consultant to the UNO group.

Governor Dewey gave a clue to the committee's plans when he remarked on Friday that there would be no problem between New York and Connecticut over the proposed site. The Governor has assured "fullest cooperation" on his own part and has expressed confidence that the State Legislature will pass all necessary legislation to assist the UNO.

While the protest in Westchester was based chiefly on the ground that no local official had been consulted on the plan, County Executive Herbert C. Gerlach expressed "great satisfaction" to Dr. Gavrilovitch with the area chosen. He pledged the full cooperation of the county "on this decision, when it is confirmed by the General Assembly for the benefit of the United Nations."

## Lie to Appoint Planners

Supervisor James D. Hopkins of North Castle, half of which lies in the suggested area, asked Dr. Gavrilovitch to "do all in your power" to perpetuate the town's government. The latter promised to transmit the request to the UNO's Planning Commission.

The United States, under a draft convention prepared for American signature, would receive a "fair price" for the site, which would become an enclave.

The enclave would become the property of the United Nations, but the United States would be asked to police the boundaries and police would be permitted to enter the zone whenever the UNO Secretary General deemed it necessary.

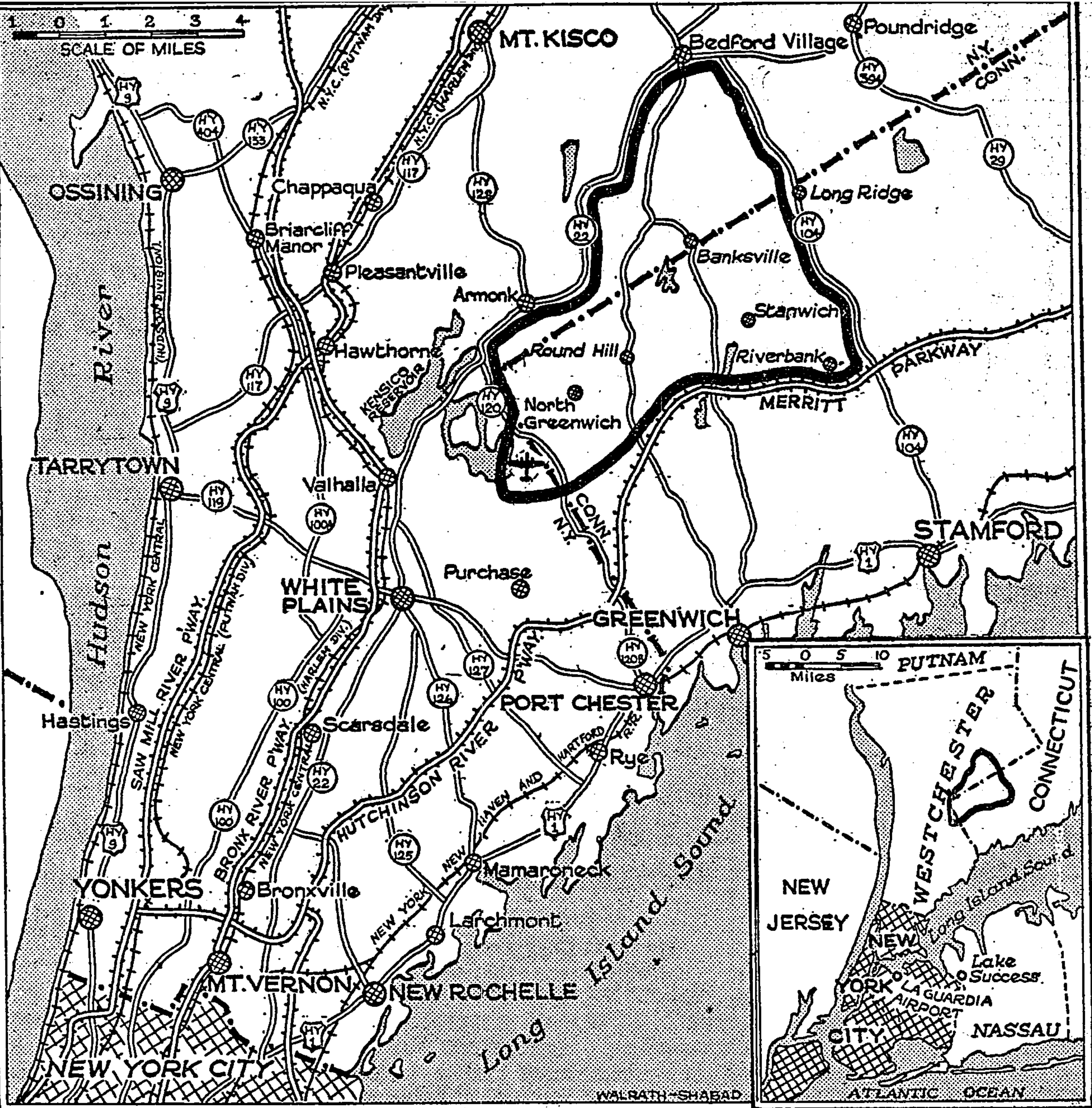
The North Stamford-Greenwich section, two-thirds of which lies in Connecticut, is bordered by Rye Lake and the New York watershed system on the west and is ten miles east of the Hudson River. Its nearest point to New York is thirty miles from its farthest point about fifty miles. On the west the boundary follows margins of reservoir lakes and along the edges is virtually uninhabited land.

The suggested southern boundary is about 500 feet north of the Merritt Parkway. The northerly boundary runs northeast and southwest and is about 500 feet from a main highway.

A possible cause for the early confusion of Westchester officials was this notation by Mr. Goodrich, incorporated in the report: "As can be seen by the map, it can easily be enlarged to 172 square miles should it be decided that this larger size is necessary."

The Pound Ridge reservation, a Westchester-owned park, serves as a buffer on the north against pos-

## TWO-STATE TRACT RECOMMENDED FOR UNO HEADQUARTERS



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The site proposed by the international committee that has been inspecting suggested areas in this country is delineated by the heavy lines southwest corner of the tract, indicated by an airplane symbol, is the Westchester County airport. The inset shows New York and Lake Success, where proposed interim facilities are situated.

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population. The cities of Stamford, Greenwich and White Plains yesterday. The inspection committee, its site on Tuesday.

The cost of land in this region has been estimated at \$400 to \$700 an acre. Most of the Connecticut portion is owned by a few large

## Colombian Heads Committee

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LONDON, Feb. 2—Dr. Eduardo

Zuleta Angel of Colombia was appointed today chairman of the United Nations Assembly Committee on Permanent Headquarters. L. D. Wilgress, Canadian Ambassador to Moscow, was appointed